



**The Chairman and Members of  
North West Area Committee.**

**Meeting: 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

**Item No: 3**

**Finglas Area Office Report**

**Housing (Jan – Sept)**

Estate Management

No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act Drug Related	109
No of Anti-social complaints per 1997 Act <u>Not</u> Drug Related	27
No of other Complaints	446
<b>Total Complaints</b>	<b>582</b>

No of Anti-Social Interviews per 1997 Act	76
No of Other Interviews	223
<b>Total Interviews</b>	<b>299</b>

No of Requests for mediation	2
No of Complaints referred to central unit for Action	52
No of Section 20 referrals	0
No of excluding Orders applied for by Tenant	0
No of Excluding orders applied for by DCC	0
No of surrender of Tenancies due to Anti-Social Behaviour	3

No of possession application sent to Central Unit	1
No of Court Orders Granted	0
No of Appeals / Judicial Reviews / Challenges	0
No of Warrants executed (Evictions)	0

### Housing Allocations

<b>Housing &amp; Apartments</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting</b>
Bands 2 & 3	10	7 (2 HAP / 2 RAS)	8
Medical	1	0	
Welfare	0	2	1
Homeless	1	0	
Travellers	0	0	
Homeless HAP	0	3	2
De-tenanting	0	0	
Estate Management	0	4	
Maintenance Grounds	0	7	
Surrendering Larger	0	0	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Succession	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>11</b>

<b>Senior Citizens</b>			
<b>Category</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Choice Base Letting</b>
Bands 2 & 3	3	2	
Medical	1	2	
Welfare	0	0	
Homeless	3	0	
Homeless HAP	0	1	
Travellers	0	0	
Estate Management	0	1	
De-tenanting	0	0	
Maintenance Grounds	0	2	
Surrendering Larger	0	2	
Unable to afford	0	0	
Financial Contribution	1	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>

## Voids Report

<b>Vacant Housing Units (36)</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type of unit</b>	<b>Date of vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Abbotstown Avenue	3 bed house	22/06/2021	Works in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	22/09/21	Work in progress
Ballygall Parade	3 bed house	23/08/21	Work in progress
Barnamore Park	3 bed house	06/07/2021	Works in progress
Barry Drive	3 bed house	02/09/2021	wo Works in progress
Berryfield Drive	3 bed house	09/05/2021	Works in progress
Berryfield Road	3 bed house	21/06/2021	Works in progress
Cappagh Road	3 bed house	09/02/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Casement Drive	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Casement Drive	3 bed house	06/05/2021	Works in progress
Casement Grove	3 bed house	05/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	22/07/2021	Works in progress
Cloonlara Road	3 bed house	21/04/2021	Works in progress
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	12/07/2021	Works in progress
Collins Place	2 bed maisonette	10/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	18/08/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	05/09/2021	Works in progress
Finglaswood Road	3 bed house	20/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Finglaswood Road	2 bed maisonette	10/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Glasnamana Place	House	01/07/2021	Works in progress
Gortbeg Road	3 bed house	26/05/2021	Works in progress / On Offer
Heath Square	3 bed house	01/02/2021	Works in progress / On offer

Kildonan Drive	2 bed house	26/08/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Kildonan Drive	3 bed house	29/09/2021	Works in progress
McKelvey Avenue	3 bed house	28/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Avenue	3 bed house	09/04/2021	Works in progress
Plunkett Green	3 bed house	25/03/2021	Works in progress
Plunkett Grove	3 bed house	11/03/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Premier Square	1 bed Apt	12/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Ratoath Avenue	3 bed house	05/03/2021	Works in progress
St. Canice's Square	1 bed Apt	12/11/2020	Works in progress / On offer
The Botanic	2 bed Apt	22/11/2019	Issue with the building
The Tolka	2 bed Apt	22/11/2019	Issue with the building
Tolka Vale	2 bed Apt	26/03/2021	Works in progress
Valley Park Drive	2 bed house	07/04/2021	Work in progress
45a Wellmount Road	2 bed house	29/05/2021	Work in progress

<b>Vacant Senior Citizens Units (10)</b>			
<b>Address</b>	<b>Type of Unit</b>	<b>Date of vacancy</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Deanstown Court	2 bed	31/05/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Glasanaon Court	Bedsit	11/08/2021	Works in progress
Glasaree Court	1 bed	26/03/2021	Works in progress
Kilshane Court	2 bed	31/08/2021	Works in progress
Kilshane Court	2 bed	09/07/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	21/06/2021	Works in progress / On offer
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	15/06/2021	Works in progress
Mellowes Court	Bedsit	20/08/2021	Work in progress
Merville Court	1 bed	14/05/2021	Works in progress
Merville Court	1 bed	18/08/2021	Works in progress

### Choice Based Lettings

42 Westwood Road was advertised through the above scheme (closing date for applicants was Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept):

No. Eligible Applicants	No. Non Eligible Applicants
64	54

### Scribblestown Public Private Partnership (PPP) Development

At present 1 medical unit remains to be allocated.

### St Canice's Hall

At present 16 nominations have been made to Co-Operative Housing Ireland for these units. 4 applicants have refused the offer of accommodation. The Area Office is still organising Section 15 Reports on applicants who are being consider for these units.

### Rents Update

The Finglas Area Office continues to provide a rent assessment service for tenants living in the Finglas area.

Finglas Rent Assessment Update	
Assessments	952
Permission to Resides	25
Refunds	25

## **GENERAL MATTERS**

### Finglas Village Improvement Scheme (Bus Priority)

This scheme, popularly known as the "5-Arm Junction Project", is at design stage. ARUP Consulting Engineers were appointed in December 2020. They have started the Feasibility Study and work is progressing well so far. The NTA has provided €250,000 for this project.

### Roundabouts

The design of the Jamestown Road Roundabout and the St. Margaret's Road roundabout is at detailed design stage at the moment. Work has been delayed due to the impact of the Finglas LUAS Extension project. The Council and TII have had to combine efforts for a joint solution as both parties are sharing the same space. The detailed design is now at an advanced stage. The Area Committee will be updated on the project before it goes out to tender.

### Update on New Finglas Library

Since the Part 8 Proposal was adopted by Dublin City Council in May, the design team has been working to complete detailed design incorporating the input from both the planning report and public consultation conducted by Dublin City Libraries.

The final design will include significantly improved landscaping in front of the library incorporating a sloped path to the entrance, as well as a universally accessible parking space on Seamus Ennis Road. A “parklet” will be installed at street level as part of the overall landscaping scheme, and a library garden accessed from the Children’s Library will be provided at the rear of the building.

There has been a delay in commencing the tender process for the project due to resourcing and the expiration of framework agreements. The current timetable for the project is as follows:

Description	No of Months	Estimated start date mm/yy	Estimated/ actual finish date mm/yy
Statutory Requirements/ Approvals	6	Dec-2020	May 2021
Detailed Design	4	Jun-2021	Sep-2021
Procurement/Tendering	4	Oct-2021	Feb-2022
Implementation/Construction	3/4	Feb-2022	May-2022
Moving-in	2	Jun-2022	Jul-2022

The project remains on course to be delivered within the originally advised budget.

#### Finglas Planning Strategy 2021

A copy of the non-statutory “*Finglas Strategy Summary of Key Recommendations*” document and the accompanying “*Finglas Strategy Baseline Analysis*” document was uploaded on Monday 27 September to the Dublin City Council website Planning Department page for public information. It has been published as a background research paper to support the Dublin City Development Plan 2022-2028.

#### St Canice’s Graveyard

It is intended that the draft conservation management plan will be presented at meetings of the respective Arts, Culture, Leisure & Recreation and Planning & Urban Forms SPCs in November. Both SPC dates to be confirmed. The plan will be circulated more widely later.

#### Kildonan Sculpture



The Kildonan sculpture was revealed on Friday the 24th of September in an online ceremony. Artist Sara Cunningham-Bell has designed a dynamic, large-scale sculpture that will act as an inclusive landmark for Kildonan Park. Sara engaged with members of the public through workshops and meetings to get their feedback and opinions on the sculpture.

The top part of the sculpture represents the river Fionn Glas/ Clear Stream and is made of polished

stainless steel, which is reflective. There are various people represented in the two figures each showing the diverse past, present and future of Finglas.

Local residents were invited to propose a title for the sculpture. The selected name will be announced at the launch of the sculpture later this year.

## **COMMUNITY & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

### Social Inclusion Week 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November

Social Inclusion Week takes place from the 8<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> November. The Community & Social Development Section (CSDS) is working on a number of initiatives and programmes to highlight and celebrate Social Inclusion Week.

Programmes/initiatives will include “Enhance the Space”, “Diversity through Sport”, “Arts” and an intergenerational knitting project.

### Meeting Place Club

The Meeting Place Club is working on a social inclusion programme, in association with the Public Participation Network. The programme includes the making of a combination of videos, music recordings, spoken word and fun activities.

A celebration evening to show case the work of the Meeting Place Club is scheduled for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in St. Canices’s Parochial Hall.

Dublin City Council is supporting the programme as part of Social Inclusion Week.

### Enhance the Space

The green space on Plunkett Avenue/Green is an area chosen by the Area Office, Finglas West Family Resource Centre, local schools, Finglas Cabra Local Drugs & Alcohol Task Force, and local residents as an area for the “Enhance the Space Programme.

The Project will involve the installation of six planters which will be maintained by local children and residents. In addition, two areas on the green will be prepared for wild flowers. Planting by volunteers will take place over a 3-week period which commenced on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October. The project will be launched in November as part of Social Inclusion Week

### Community Quilt Project

In early 2021 the Area Office engaged with residents on a Community Knitting Project.

The CSDS had planned to bring all our knitters together to complete the project by making lap-blankets for older vulnerable members of the community. Unfortunately Covid-19 resulted in this aspect of the project not taking place.

With Covid restrictions lifting the project will recommence in November and will take place over three workshops. The project will run as part of Social Inclusion Week and will involve older people from the community and transition students from St. Michael’s Secondary School.

### Community Grants 2021

A proposal to allocate grants to Community Groups based on the amount received by them in 2020 is currently taking place. To qualify for the grant Community Groups must have completed a grant application form in 2020, have a current Bank Account and have completed an EFT form.

Community Groups will not have to make an application this year. However, a release form acknowledging receipt of funding received will be required.

The CSDS will work to ensure that those who received a grant in 2020 are aware of and can avail of the scheme. Community Grants for 2022 are due to be announced in January.

### Positive Ageing Day

CSDS hosted several events for people over the age of 55 for our Positive Ageing Day in September.





## Finglas Table Quiz

The Annual Table Quiz was held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September. The Quiz was keenly contested with a tie-break needed to decide the winners.

Many thanks to all those involved, especially to Toddy Griffen and Kathleen O Connor for all their help in organising the event.

Earlier in the morning, the ever popular Chair Exercise Classes and Yoga took place in Finglas Leisure Centre.



## Positive Ageing Day

### Banners of Finglas

CSDS started a project with the local secondary schools and clubs in May as part of the Bealtaine Festival. Schools were asked to come up with artwork, images or words under the theme of "Celebration"

*"Celebrate the people in our lives or community that have special needs and different abilities. Celebrate the older people in our families or neighbourhood. We are fortunate to have these people around us after the last year, whether they are family, friends, or just general acquaintances. They can inspire us to continue striving!"*

St. Michael's Girls Secondary School, Beneavin College and the members of the Meeting Place Arch Club all submitted wonderful artwork that we transformed into these amazing Banners.



The banners are on display on the posts along Mellows Road outside of the Finglas Civic Centre. They will be on display until the end of our Social Inclusion Week, 13<sup>th</sup> of November.

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